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**Kentucky Personnel Cabinet To Host 11th Annual Governor's  
Diversity Day**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 19, 2008)** – More than 1,300 students from across the Commonwealth are expected to participate in the 11th annual Governor's Diversity Day at the Frankfort Convention Center on Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

The theme for this year's event, which is hosted by the Personnel Cabinet's Office of Human Resource Planning and Diversity Initiatives, is "My Diversity: It's My Choice."

"The Governor's Diversity Day is a collaborative effort among educators across the Commonwealth to promote unity and to empower Kentucky's young citizens to celebrate one another with dignity and respect," said Personnel Cabinet Secretary Nikki Jackson.

Diversity Day provides students the opportunity to explore diversity while learning about the many career opportunities available after graduation. The mission of the event is to enlighten the state's youth to the various cultures which comprise the Commonwealth. In addition, the program exposes students to career possibilities which they might not otherwise consider.

The morning's program includes inspirational messages of encouragement, compassion and unity from representatives of the Governor's Office, the Kentucky Education Cabinet, and the Personnel Cabinet.

Students also will experience cultural presentations by the African-American Theatre Group from the University of Louisville, Flamenco dancing by Diana Dinicola of Flamenco Louisville, as well as motivational speaking from Reverend Marvin King.

In the afternoon, students may participate in a Career Fair. Representatives from various state agencies, colleges, universities, local businesses, and the military will be on hand to talk with students about future educational and career opportunities.

This is the second year for the Diversity Day's student essay contest. Students from Kentucky's middle and high schools have been challenged to join the contest by preparing a 500-word essay on the importance of teaching students about diversity. Winners in both middle and high school categories will be recognized during the event in Frankfort.

"Young people must be informed of their responsibility to decide for themselves how their life will impact others," said Executive Director of Human Resource Planning and Diversity Initiatives Michelé Lawlis. "A healthy self-perspective and informative exposure to the diversity within our communities will assist them as they engage the larger collective."

For more information and registration, contact the Office of Human Resource Planning and Diversity Initiatives at 502-564-8000.

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